

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A portable communications device for ~~use in~~ identifying and purchasing a full audio work based on a sampled portion of the work, comprising:

an input for receiving a signal corresponding to a sampled portion of a full audio work;

a database operative to store therein audio work comparison information for ~~use in~~ identifying full audio works; and

a processor operative to compare the sampled portion signal against said comparison information to identify the full audio work corresponding to the sampled portion signal, to indicate to a user of the portable device the identity of the full audio work, and to present purchasing information that enables the user to purchase the full audio work.

19. (original) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 18, wherein said processor is further operative to send a purchase message to an audio purchasing service based on said purchasing information to enable the purchase the full audio work.

20. (original) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 19, wherein said purchasing information comprises a link to a Web site portal of said audio purchasing service.

21. (original) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 20, wherein said link includes embedded information including the identity of the full audio work and information about the user.

22. (currently amended) A portable communications device for ~~use in~~ identifying and purchasing a full audio work based on a sampled portion of the work, comprising:

an input for receiving a signal corresponding to a sampled portion of a full audio work;

a database operative to store therein audio work comparison information for ~~use in~~ identifying full audio works, wherein said audio work comparison information is updateable; and

a processor operative to compare the sampled portion signal against said comparison information to identify the full audio work corresponding to the sampled portion signal, to indicate to a user of the portable device the identity of the full audio work, and to present purchasing information that enables the user to purchase the full audio work.

23. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 22, further comprising a communications module, and wherein said database is updateable via said communications module.

24. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 22, wherein said database is provided in a removable memory device to allow updating of said audio work comparison information.

25. (original) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 18, further comprising a display screen to display the identity of the full audio work and purchasing information to the user.

26. (currently amended) A portable communications device for ~~use in~~ identifying and purchasing a full audio work based on a sampled portion of the work, comprising:

an input for receiving a signal corresponding to a sampled portion of a full audio work;

a database operative to store therein audio work comparison information for ~~use in~~ identifying full audio works;

a speech module operative to convey verbal information about the identity of the full audio work and purchasing information to a user; and

a processor operative to compare the sampled portion signal against said comparison information to identify the full audio work corresponding to the sampled portion signal, to indicate to the user of the portable device the identity of the full audio work, and to present purchasing information that enables the user to purchase the full audio work.

Claims 27-41 (canceled)

42. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 18, wherein said input, said database, and said processor are incorporated into a personal digital assistant or a cellular telephone.

43. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 42, wherein the audio work comparison information storable in said database includes information representative of a plurality of full audio works.

44. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 22, wherein said input, said database, and said processor are incorporated into a personal digital assistant or a cellular telephone.

45. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 44, wherein the audio work comparison information storable in said database includes information representative of a plurality of full audio works.

46. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 26, wherein said input, said database, said speech module, and said processor are incorporated into a personal digital assistant or a cellular telephone.

47. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 46, wherein the audio work comparison information storable in said database includes information representative of a plurality of full audio works.